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WASTE GENERATION ON STREETS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the waste generation on streets, parks and public places is one of the main reasons for air pollution;

(b) if so, the directives given by the Supreme Court in this regard;

(c) the specific measures proposed to be taken by the Government to strictly stop waste generation on roads, parks and public places particularly in metropolitan cities;

(d) whether any charter of duties for citizens for a neat and clean environment in the metropolitan cities and provision of fine for violation of these duties have been worked out;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the metropolitan cities are likely to be pollution free as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b): The management and handling of waste generated in public places is one of the important obligatory functions of urban local bodies in the country. The service provided by the urban local bodies falls far short of desired level causing environmental pollution. The Supreme Court of India had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Asim Barman, Commissioner, Calcutta Municipal Corporation to look into various aspects of solid waste management in class-I cities.In its Report submitted on 25.3.1999, the Barman Committee has made recommendations to stop waste generation in public places, imposing fines against littering and creating public awareness. The Supreme Court had also directed the Union of India, all State Governments and Central Pollution Control Board to file their respective response to the Report.

(c), (d), (e) & (f) : As a follow up of Supreme Court directions, following steps have been taken by the Government:

(i) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have published draft rules, entitled `Municipal Solid Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1999` on 27th September, 1999 which prescribe procedure for proper collection and disposal of municipal solid wastes including specifications for land-fill sites.

(ii) The Ministry of Urban Development have brought out a comprehensive draft manual entitled `Manual on Municipal Solid Waste Management `.

(iii) Several State Governments have brought out their own regulations to prevent littering in public places.

(iv) In compliance of the order of Supreme Court dated 15.2.2000, the Government of Delhi has taken up cleaning of Delhi streets and public places on a regular basis and also imposition of fine against littering.

(v) The Government of Delhi have also issued an executive order dated 17.12.1998 to ban open burning of leaves in National Capital Region.